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On Behalf Of:
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Topic:

After fifty years of studying forestry in the Northwest I must reluctantly oppose this bill. Oregon has always been known as the "Timber State," but climate change and overly aggressive logging may cause us to relinquish that title. The bill contains little to no measures for oversight of timber operations and fails to take into account the different bioregions or the State. Southwest Oregon timber management (clearcuts not recommended) differs from the Coast Range (clearcuts possible), differs from Eastern Oregon, differs from the Willamette Valley etc. While I believe the bill is well intended, it is not yet ready for prime time.